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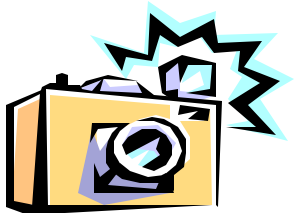
February
Black History Month

February 14
Valentine's Day

February 16
HOLIDAY

March
National Women's History Month

March
Annual Emerging Leader's Conference



A photo project

Lights, camera....GOTCHA!!
Ever find yourself reading "The Sand Castle" in a very strange place??

Well, if you answered yes to that question, please have someone, possibly a fellow employee, snap your photo and turn it in to the public affairs office. We, then in turn, will publish the funniest in the newsletter.

Thanks,
Michele Castelline-Thomas
Editor, *The Sand Castle*

Freeport Study to Continue

The room wasn't full, but the interest was there as the Corps of Engineers held its first public meeting on the proposed enlargement project for the Port of Freeport Jan. 15.

The meeting, held in the Lake Jackson Civic Center, was to gather information on the proposed project from the public.

In the planning process, the Corps will develop initial project alternatives, will run a ship simulation, and complete economic baseline studies. Any proposed project must be found

economically feasible with the annual benefits exceeding the annualized project cost.

A recommended plan is scheduled to be determined by November 2006 and the final report is scheduled for December 2007.

If an acceptable project can be found, it will be implemented as soon as possible thereafter.

Representatives from local businesses made comments on the possible project. Ed Singleman, local area business

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A local business speaks at the first public meeting in Freeport discussing the need to enlarge the port.

Road Trip to Ba Qubah

Contributed by Steve Ireland

I finally got to go off base on a road trip to Ba Qubah (pronounced, roughly, bah' ka bah). I went to inspect KBR's facilities and services at Camp Warhorse, which is near the town of Ba Qubah.

I was informed of a possible trip late Tuesday afternoon if we could catch a convoy on Wednesday. We left the base after daylight in a convoy of fuel tankers and gun trucks and soon crossed the Tigris River over a floating bridge. The tankers had to space themselves out on the bridge so when we got to the small town on the other side of the river, we had to stop and wait for all the vehicles to regroup.

While waiting in the town, we felt somewhat vulnerable but we were only accosted by men offering handfuls of old Iraqi currency and Rolex watches and

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35 Year Employee Retires...



Construction representative Floyd Wright retired recently after spending 35 years as a Corps employee. A group of friends, including Herbie Maurer and Maj. Joe Hanus who made the traditional Corps retirement presentations, met Jan. 20 for a small ceremony.

Wright commented, "you have to know you are right" when asked how he was able to work with contractors for so many years.

The last two projects overseen by Wright for Galveston District were Wallisville and the Neches River Saltwater Barrier.



Tex Tin Moving Along

Work on a portion of the Environmental Protection Agency's designated Tex Tin Superfund Site had another step completed when the contractor finished work on the construction of breakwaters designed to halt erosion along the Galveston Bay side of the former smelter site.

The area, officially called Operable Unit No. 4, now holds

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Looking over a typical portion of the breakwaters, exposed oyster reefs can be seen in Swan Lake due to low tides.

Commander's Column



Col. Leonard Waterworth



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As the United States fights the War on Terrorism, priorities for limited national assets have shifted to support this critical mission. Funding has increased in several Federal agencies like DoD and Homeland Defense (as it should). This means funding for civil works appropriations has decreased or remained constant. At the same time, requirements for planning, construction and operations and maintenance have increased along the Texas Coast Line.

Money will be tight, tough decisions will have to be made, priorities set and some of our partners, stake holders and customers have to be told that we will not be able to accomplish everything we would like to accomplish. That is my job.

NOW! What does this mean to you, employees of the District? NOTHING absolutely nothing! I want you to be aware of the situation and that's all.

What I need you to do is to push, and push hard on what you are doing for the district. Do not slow down.

The strategy is simple; we need to efficiently expend the funding available to us. Then, if money becomes available, we must be ready to efficiently execute those dollars in the shortest amount of time available. It is clear that the Galveston District does not currently have sufficient resources to meet the growing needs for infrastructure along the Texas Coast line. I believe that the priority will shift back to our Civil Works Program in the near term.

You may not know that more than 442 million tons of commerce travel through the waterways you support on the Texas Coastline. That is more tonnage than Florida and California combined. U.S. Strategic Ports deploying the majority of combat forces are on the Texas Coast line. Approximately 50% of all petroleum products travel through our district.

The value added by our infrastructure is of national importance and that is why I am convinced that priorities will shift back to navigation along the Texas coastline.

Until then we must find ways to do our jobs cheaper better faster. I want 110% effort, the extra effort is to find ways around old processes that no longer make sense and to accomplish our mission which is critical to the long term health of our nation.

Bottom line: What you do everyday is important to our nation, now get to work, because I want more.

Emerging Leaders Rev Up for Another Year

It gives me great pleasure to forward the fall newsletter to all team members that provide information on the SWD Emerging Leaders Program. The newsletter highlights leadership experiences and resources needed to help you attain your leadership and professional development goals. It also announces the upcoming conference, which is just another great opportunity to share experiences that can be of benefit to all.

Thanks goes out to Sharon Tirpak who is providing leadership as the chairperson this term.

I also want to take this time to say *thank you* for all you have done in support of this great nation throughout the year. I am so proud of each of you and the sacrifices and contributions you have made supporting the Army and the Nation in peace and war.

It feels good to be back because there is no place like home, after completing an experience of a lifetime. Let's continue to support our colleges that are deployed and answer the call to serve in Iraq where you will make a difference. I know we will persevere as a nation and we will prevail.

I have asked my staff to schedule a round of town hall meetings at each district so I can hear your concerns and discuss with you both long and short term issues and concerns. I also told them to schedule me time to visit you at your projects and workplaces. I look forward to being with you this New Year.



Current Emerging Leaders, Kim Crawford and Paula Wise, Planning, discuss and answer questions to interested district employees at the EL informational meeting on Jan. 22.

Editors Note:
*General Crear will be in Galveston Feb. 27 for the
District Town Hall.*

Hooah!

Robert Crear
Brigadier General

Wharton Alternatives Explained

The first look at the results from the feasibility study of flooding in the Wharton, TX area was explained at a public meeting on Jan. 22, 2004. Recommended alternatives were explained concerning ways through which the city could lessen the impact of flooding in the area.

City officials, area residents and business owners along with corps representatives from Fort Worth and Galveston attended this informational meeting.

“The whole community will be impacted,” said Wharton city manager Andres Garza Jr.

Started more than two years ago, USACE is seeking to

identify methods for lessening the risk of flooding in the Wharton area. The Wharton study is part of an overall study of the Lower Colorado River Basin.

The feasibility study costs \$1.1 million dollars with the Corps funding 50 percent and the city of Wharton being responsible for the other 50 percent. However, the Texas Water Development Board funded about \$260,000 of the city’s half.

Left: Rob Newman, SWF, and John McLeod, Lower Colorado River Authority, explain the differences between alternatives being studied.



A.J. “Pete”, Reischak Jr., Port Director of the Port of Freeport, and Col. Waterworth meet before the Freeport public meeting and discuss future plans.

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a four-segment quarry rock breakwater nearly 6,000 feet long. Only one segment touches land, the other three segments are staggered to allow circulation of salt water into the area that will soon hold a 90 acre marsh according to plans laid out by Texas Parks and Wildlife.

The proposed marsh, in part, will be built from excess material dredged from the Shoal Point container terminal construction. Lead agency on the marsh construction will be the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustees.

The breakwaters are located just east of the shell islands that form the eastern boundary of Swan Lake. The northern three breakwaters extend in a single file, north to south, from an existing breakwater located on the northeast side of Swan Lake. The fourth breakwater, located south of these three, runs northeast to southwest and onto the land.

The tops of the stone structures are about 3.5 feet

above the waterline and are about 5 feet wide at the crown.

EPA charged the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District, with the project design and construction oversight. Pine Bluff Sand and Gravel, Pine Bluff, Arkansas was chosen as contractor for the work on the more than \$2 million job. Original estimate for the construction work was close to \$3 million.

Thirty-four barge loads of rock were required to complete the stone breakwaters, coming via water from Arkansas to the site in 6-barge tows.

The Tex Tin smelter, located in the cities of La Marque and Texas City, Texas near the intersection of FM 519 and State Highway 146, was built by the government as a World War II emergency tin supply plant and operated until a government contract from 1941 to 1956 as the Tin Processing Corp. The facility sold to private industry in 1957 and was operated by a succession of companies until it ceased operation in 1991. On June 17, 1996, EPA proposed the site as a superfund site.

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owner, Jim Morrison, representing West Gulf Maritime Association, Leo Mencacci, Bay Houston Towing Co., and Sharron Stewart, Galveston Bay Foundation, were among the speakers at the meeting.

Stewart said that Freeport was one place on the Texas coast where such a project would have the least environmental harm, but although she was an advocate for the port, she questioned the need for a deeper channel and cautioned that with the LNG facilities scheduled for the

Quintana area, safety issues might become a serious concern.

Mencacci quickly countered her words, saying that ships are being built now that need a deeper channel and that the port of Freeport is ripe for the 55 to 60 foot channel. “They will come,” he said.

The Corps will continue to accept comments from the public until Feb. 6. They should be sent to Mr. John M. Bragg, US Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District, and P. O. BOX 1229, GALVESTON, TX 77553-1229. If faxed, send any comments to (409) 766-3931.

The superfund site contains four operable units. No. 1, contains about 140 acres and is the former tin and copper smelting facility and includes four of the holding ponds to the south of the smelting facility. OU No. 2 contains 27 acres of the former smelter property that is owned by BP Amoco Corporation. OU No. 3 represents the La Marque residential areas northwest from the smelter facility. OU No. 4 is

comprised of the Swan Lake ecosystem located between the hurricane levee and the shell barrier islands separating Swan Lake from Galveston Bay.

Personnel from the Corps, EPA Region 6, Tin Tex Settling Defendants, Texas Parks and Wildlife, and Texas Government Land Office, and National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration toured the completed project by boat on Jan. 27.



Andy Tirpak, left, Texas Parks and Wildlife, and Keith Tischler, General Land Office, discuss the superfund site project on the inspection tour.

Gulf Region Division is Open for Business

Taken from the GRD Update

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineer’s Gulf Region Division (Provisional) was activated Jan. 25, 2004, at the Convention Center in Baghdad, Iraq. The new division unifies the separate USACE elements that have served in Iraq since the start of the war. Several hundred Iraqi, Coalition and American dignitaries joined the new division’s personnel to mark the historic event that also celebrated the Corps’ widely recognized contributions to OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. Lt. Gen. Flowers expressed his deep pride in the entire Corps, especially the hundreds of USACE volunteers who have selflessly served in Iraq, through a video that was shown during the ceremony.

Now under the Command of Maj. Gen. Ronald L. Johnson, former Director of Military Programs for the Corps, the provisional division includes three districts, the North in Mosul, the Central in Baghdad, and the South in Basrah. The forward deployed division is lean but will take maximum advantage of the USACE “reach back” capability, employing the talents of all 35,000 USACE employees worldwide to support the division’s requirements. The result of this USACE team effort will be tangible and rapid improvements to the Iraqi infrastructure, especially oil and electricity, as well as

construction support to our own forces. The division will also continue to rely on partnering with Iraqi engineers to leverage their talents and to help build Iraq’s public engineering capacity.

In addition to being Division Engineer, Maj. Gen. Johnson serves as the U.S. Deputy to the Program Management Office of the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq. Overall, the division is playing a major role in overseeing billions of dollars in reconstruction and improvements in the newly liberated nation of Iraq.

During his remarks, Maj. Gen. Johnson said, “To the Iraqi

people, I am honored to be here to work with you. The people of the Gulf Region Division are proud to be with you. We are not just builders, but teachers, mentors, partners, and friends.”

At the conclusion of the well-executed ceremony, attendees enjoyed a reception that was catered by the 1st Armored Division’s “Wolfpack” Brigade dining facility.

The Gulf Region Division stands ready to accomplish any mission while caring for the USACE volunteers who join the effort to help build lasting peace in this historically troubled part of the world. Nowhere is our motto more alive - *Essayons!*



Terry Bautista, Chief of Engineering, Galveston District, waves to the camera during the activation of the Gulf Region Division in Iraq.



The color guard presents the colors at the opening of the celebration to activate the new division. Following the ceremony attendees gathered at a reception catered by a local brigade.

This is my reward...

The war is over.

Whenever the Army soldiers over here learn we are with Restore Iraqi Electricity, they can’t thank us enough for making their time here easier, and for helping the Iraqi people.

Doesn’t matter what your opinions of the war were, this is a humanitarian mission. Americans have so much of the good life, and these people have been robbed of their livelihood and in some case their very lives by the Saddam Hussein regime. Many claim their lives lie at the bottom of the hundreds of mass graves, and the thousands of nameless graves where Saddam’s thugs slaughtered and dumped their children, their husbands, and wives.

I personally have had fathers come to me and thank me for making it safe for their children, and especially their daughters, to

go out on the street, in the sunshine again. Young men tell me for the first time in their lives they can think about a wife, about children, about a future. But they need so much. And so few Corps of Engineer experts are volunteering. That is really hard to understand. I was supposed to be here for 90 days, but I am into 4-1/2 months and still here. I have no relief in the pipeline, and the work here is too important to just walk away from it. Despite the Saddam loyalist terrorists and foreign terrorists, the Iraqi people need our help. It is they, as security men and as engineers, who have died protecting us. You just can’t turn your back on that kind of dedication to the rebuilding of their country.

See Reward pg5...

Right: One of the 408 transmission towers being rebuilt.



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The Red Cross isn't here. They went home. The UN isn't here. They went home. Only these guys and gals here as volunteers remain to help the Iraqi men, women, and children rebuild their infrastructure. Only America's Corps of Engineers stand by their word to help.

I thank you for the kind words about the story I sent out, but the real heroes are the men and women I am writing about, and the Iraqi men and women who put their lives on the line every day by working with us to rebuild this country that Saddam Hussein and his thugs raped so terribly. They need and deserve that we should be uncomfortable for a little while, in order that they can have a life again. Please, reconsider. You have a talent we need here. Don't keep it at home.

Ed Evans
Nashville District

I can honestly say that after spending time in Baghdad that I can vouch for what Mr. Evans is saying in his letter. I could not have said this any better and I admire him for saying this.

If you have ever thought about volunteering for anything at all this is the mission that you should consider. I realize that there are a lot of people out there that would love to do this but cannot because of their personal situations, but if you can please think about it. For me the rewards were an experience of a lifetime that I will never forget. I have a deeper appreciation for what the men and women in our military and I have a much, much deeper and stronger respect for what it means to be an AMERICAN.

I have always considered myself to be a patriot, but after spending time in Iraq I have realized that I really did not know the true meaning of being a patriot until now. I can say that our National Anthem will mean more to me now than it ever has in the past. I also believe that the greatest reward from volunteering for this mission is working with the people and knowing that you are helping them to rebuild their country. Seeing the appreciation in their faces and hearing it in their voices is all the reward that I could have ever asked for.

Debby Jones
Galveston District



Above: Photos of concrete pads being laid at Baiji for new generators inbound, and huge pads being laid at Qudas for such monsters as a 255-ton generator and its 277-ton turbine. Photographs contributed by Ed Evans.



Top: The photo shows fuel delivery trucks lined up, waiting to deliver fuel to the "bag farm" in the background. The bag farm is a complex of fuel bladders, or bags, which are surrounded by berms lined with fuel-proof containment fabric in case of spills. The facility handles diesel, JP-8 (jet fuel) and gasoline. It's a huge operation that supplies the many vehicles and aircraft on and supporting the base.

Bottom: The convoy cross the Tigris River over a floating bridge. The tankers had to space themselves out on the bridge. Photograph contributed by Steve Ireland.

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children begging for handouts. Apparently, they were quite used to vehicles stopping in the town. I felt bad because I had nothing to offer them. Had I known what to expect, I would have made a trip to the PX to buy stuff to give to them. As we traveled through towns and small villages, children would run and line up along the roadside, smiling and waving and giving us the thumbs-up and victory signs. The adults didn't seem at

all excited to see us, were less inclined to wave back, and many of them appeared to be less than friendly.

The stay at Camp Warhorse was rather uneventful but it was good to see some other facilities. It's a much smaller base and seems to be much slower paced than here at Anaconda. It was a nice break from the hustle and bustle of daily life at Anaconda. I stocked up on candy, note pads and pens, and shampoo (surprisingly, several of the children at our stop on the way had requested shampoo) at the PX for the return trip.

On the way back to Anaconda, we only made a few very fleeting stops so I wasn't able to distribute much of the loot. There were lots of children along the roadside but most of the time we were moving too fast to distribute it. I was somewhat disappointed but at least now I know the routine and I'll be ready for the next trip.

Steve Ireland
Galveston District



Right: A child salutes Ireland's convoy on the road to Ba Quoy. Children would run along side the convoy waving, saluting and giving the thumbs up as they passed.

The History of Black History

Written by Elissa Haney

Americans have recognized black history annually since 1926, first as “Negro History Week” and later as “Black History Month.” What you might not know is that black history had barely begun to be studied—or even documented—when the tradition originated. Although blacks have been in America at least as far back as colonial times, it was not until the 20th century that they gained a respectable presence in the history books.

Blacks Absent from History Books

We owe the celebration of Black History Month, and more importantly, the study of black history, to Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Born to parents who were former slaves, he spent his childhood working in the Kentucky coal mines and enrolled in high school at age twenty. He graduated within two years and later went on to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard. The scholar was disturbed to find in his studies that history books largely ignored the black American population—and when blacks did figure into the picture, it was

generally in ways that reflected the inferior social position they were assigned at the time.

Established Journal of Negro History

Woodson, always one to act on his ambitions, decided to take on the challenge of writing black Americans into the nation’s history. He established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now called the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History) in 1915, and a year later founded the widely respected Journal of Negro History. In 1926, he launched Negro History Week as an initiative to bring national attention to the contributions of black people throughout American history.

Woodson chose the second week of February for Negro History Week because it marks the birthdays of two men who greatly influenced the black American population, Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. However, February has much more than Douglass and Lincoln to show for its significance in



An artists rendition of a famous photograph taken of Rosa Parks. Parks sits in the front of a city bus in Montgomery, Ala. on Dec. 21, 1956, the day a Supreme Court ruling banning segregation of the city’s public transit vehicles went into effect.

black American history. For example:

February 23, 1868:

W. E. B. DuBois, important civil rights leader and co-founder of the NAACP, was born.

February 3, 1870:

The 15th Amendment was passed, granting blacks the right to vote.

February 25, 1870:

The first black U.S. senator, Hiram R. Revels (1822-1901), took his oath of office.

February 12, 1909:

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored

People (NAACP) was founded by a group of concerned black and white citizens in New York City.

February 1, 1960:

In what would become a civil-rights movement milestone, a group of black Greensboro, N.C., college students began a sit-in at a segregated Woolworth’s lunch counter.

February 21, 1965:

Malcolm X, the militant leader who promoted Black Nationalism, was shot to death by three Black Muslims.

Test Your Knowledge! (answers on pg 8!)

Question 1:

Which former slave and noted abolitionist edited and published The North Star, an abolitionist newspaper?

[Phillis Wheatley](#)
[Benjamin Banneker](#)
[Frederick Douglass](#)

Question 2:

The 15th Amendment, which granted African Americans the right to vote, was passed on which date?

[February 3, 1870](#)
[July 14, 1889](#)
[November 19, 1910](#)

Question 3:

Which civil rights activist gained notoriety in the late nineteenth century for her scathing editorials denouncing racial injustice?

[Sojourner Truth](#)
[Zora Neale Hurston](#)
[Ida B. Wells](#)

Question 4:

Which landmark Supreme Court case represented an important victory for the civil rights movement in 1954?

[Plessy vs. Ferguson](#)
[Dred Scott vs. Sandford](#)
[Brown vs. the Board of Education of Topeka](#)

Galveston Celebrates Black History Month and MLK

Galveston District honored Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Jan. 21, 2004 during a brown bag luncheon. A short clip about Dr. King’s life and the Civil Rights Movement was played.

Immediately followed by discussions, questions and answers.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., served as a voice of conscience for our Nation, and his words and actions continue to inspire courage, humility, and compassion. As a visionary leader of the civil rights movement, Dr. King helped to advance human dignity by working peacefully to resolve racial conflict through speeches, marches, and countless nonviolent activities that helped our Nation recognize the importance of upholding fully our founding ideals of equality, tolerance, and justice for all.

Dr. King’s enduring contributions to America remind us and countless others around the world that people should “. . . not be judged by the color of their skin but by content of their character.” He also taught us that lasting achievement in life comes through sacrifice and service. His devotion to helping

others reflected the true spirit of service and citizenship, and his example continues to motivate individuals to serve causes greater than themselves.

The Black Employment Program (BEP) will host Ms. Anita Bunkley, author and inventor, on Feb. 11, 2004. The subject will be “Reach Back and Move Forward: Using our past to build bridges of understanding.”



The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. appears deep in thought at an April 1967 press conference in Atlanta, Georgia, when he announced that he would not be a candidate for U.S. president. King was assassinated the following year.

Incentive Award Receipients

Cmdr. Award for Civ. Service
Carl Anderson
Patricia Hardeman
Diana Laird
Richard Tomlinson

SWD Cmdr.

PMBP Subject Matter Expert
David Campbell
Arthur Janecka
Richard Medina
Johnny Rozsypal
Harrison Sutcliffe
William Wise

Facilitators
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Sal Arcidiacono
Tom Benero
Bruce Bennett
Rose Caballero
Terri Carlson
Andrea Catanzaro
Jack Compton
Kim Crawford
Darrell Davis
Larry Dunaway
Mario Flores
Robert George
Ana Gordon
Joseph Hanus, Major
Joseph Hrametz
Jayson Hudson
Suhail Idriss
David Janda
Thelma Jaynes
Demetrice Jones
John Machol
Baldev Mann
Sandra Morrison
Erik Nelson
Gary Strangeland
Gail Stewart
Janet Thomas-Botello
Marilyn Uhrich
Enrique Villagomez
Betty Voelkel
Sam Watson
Paula Wise

LMO for teamwork
Marianne Fullen
Eric Procter
Pat Salinas
Frank Ramirez
Reggie Thomas

RMO for teamwork
Cleta Powers
Vicky Cambiano
Darrell Davis
Glenda Gallaway
Selma Hampshire
Carol Hankamer-Freeman
Cindy Jones
Diane Kovacevich
Valerie Miller
Johnnie Simmons
Willie Smith Jr.

Fast Track P&S
Alexis Blue
Thomas Mason
Alfredo Requenez
Chris Rossi
Luis Saenz

Post Claudette Hydro Surveys
Wattie Bickham
Armido Filidei
Jerry Hood
Richard McDonald
Rickey Tryal
Tim Updike

Efforts in hiring 3 PMs
David Campbell
Rick Medina
Johnny Rozsypal
Bill Wise

Interpretation and Outreach
Ashley Jones
Michelle Thomas

Rec. Com. – Holiday Party
Phyllis Bledsoe
Marilyn Uhrich
Ashley Jones
Michele Thomas
Alicia Rea
Chris Wrbas

Building Your Holiday Spirit
Linda Fredendall
Ana Gordon
Sandra Morrison
Michelle Thomas
Paula Wise

Combined Federal Campaign
Ronnie Benavides
Vicky Crisp
Tenchu Deckard
Kelli Graham
Maria Green
Lile Henkel
Pat Lingo
Carol Nelson
Joyce Rac
Pat Salinas
Johnnie Simmons
Sharon Tirpak
John Waldorf
Dan Williams

Blood Donors
Pramod Desai – 2 gallons
Jeff Hill – 1 gallon

Support Our Troops Program
Gilbert Alvarez
Terry Bautista
Ronnie Benavides
Alexis Blue
Patty Boyd
Bruce Briggs
Kristine Brown
Rhonda Brown
Earnestine Brown-Roach
Sandra Byron
Loretta Carnes
Celia Cockburn
Mary-Ann Cooper
Tenchu Deckard
Christina Desbin
Felicity Dodson
Linda Friendendall
Marianne Fullen
Rachel Gibson
Pat Hardeman
Lile Henkel
Krista Huegler
Jennifer Hymel
Art Janecka
Mike Kieslich
Dalton Krueger
Judie Lester
Kim McLaughlin
Kathy Moore
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Alex Petty
Robert Pietzsch
Alicia Rea
Lizette Richardson
Traci Robicheaux
Pat Salinas
Lloyd Saunders
Betty Shives
Charlotte Stockwell
Gail Stewart
Sandra Schiller
Roseanne Theobald
Ricky Villagomez
Pauline Villalobos
David Voelkel
Bill Wise
Paula Wise
Tina Ybarra
Angela Zahid

SWG Cmdr. Coin Taylors Bayou
Gerald Dunaway

Gulf Nuclear Radiologic Cleanup PDT
Ana Gordon

ICE
PM George Alcala
Benny Anderson
Ralph Rubalcaba
Linda Fredendall
Maria Rodriguez

Acting Chief, Planning & Policy
Rick Medina

Economic analysis
Christy Sorrels

Processing Contracts
Charlie Stimmel

Safety
Danny Wyatt

Restore Iraq Oil Mission
Michelle Clark
Fredalyn Colston
Mike deMasi
Cliff Dominy
Debra Jones
Mike McClenan
Lori Thomas

SWG Commander’s Coin, Patriot
Eric Proctor

J.J. Mayes Wildlife Trace Dedication Team
Richard Long
Rachel Jolly
Mitchell Mayo
Byron Smith
Charles Smith, Jr.
William Krampe
Kenneth McDonald
Karl Brown
Michele Thomas
Ashley Jones
Marilyn Uhrich

Bessie Heights Section 204 CAP
PM Volker Schmidt
Owen Albert
Mike Castelline
Gary Earls
Raphael Felix
Tim Few
Frank Garcia
David Janda
Jackie Lockhart
Kristy Morten
Amanda Schneider
Jan Stokes
Carlos Tate
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Answers to the knowledge quiz:

Question 1:

Correct answer: [Frederick Douglass](#)

Douglass also published his *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* in 1845. [Wheatley](#), who lived from 1753?–1784, was a poet and is generally considered the first important African–American writer in the United States. A largely self–taught surveyor, mathematician, and astronomer, [Banneker](#) published an almanac from 1791 to 1802 with tables showing the tides and astronomical events. He is generally considered the first African–American scientist.

Question 2:

Correct answer: **February 3, 1870**

Question 3:

Correct answer: [Ida B. Wells](#)

[Wells](#) was the editor and part owner of the *Memphis Free Speech*. An illiterate freed slave, [Truth](#) traveled widely throughout the North preaching emancipation and women’s rights. A trained anthropologist, [Hurstun](#) also wrote fiction, including two novels.

Question 4:

Correct answer: [Brown vs. the Board of Education of Topeka](#)

The [Supreme Court](#) ruled unanimously that legal segregation in public schools was unconstitutional, thus overturning *Plessy vs. Ferguson*. [Plessy vs. Ferguson](#) (1896) resulted in the “separate but equal” policy that underpinned the [Jim Crow laws](#) in the South. The majority opinion of the court in the case of [Scott vs. Sandford](#) (1857) was that Congress had no power to prohibit slavery in the territories. Furthermore, several justices held that a black “whose ancestors were . . . sold as slaves” was not a citizen and therefore had no standing in court. The court’s verdict contributed to tensions between the North and South leading up to the Civil War.

Castle Comments

Speakers...

Johnny Rozsypal, Chief, Construction Branch, spoke at the Houston-AGC luncheon meeting on Jan. 15.

Rozsypal gave a briefing on the Galveston District’s proposed construction and dredging program for the current fiscal year and answered questions on SWG and USACE.

Rob Hauch, Environmental Section, gave a presentation on Dredged Material Testing Manuals at the 33rd Dredging Engineering Short Course at Texas A&M University on Jan. 15.

The presentation was an overview of testing requirements of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act and the Clean Water Act Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines. The audience consisted of USACE personnel, representatives from the dredging industry, and consultants.



Dalton Krueger spoke at the Great Lakes Marine Community Day 2004 held in Cleveland, Ohio on January 28, 2004 on the HGNC project.

Krueger was at a PIANC Conference in Portland Oregon speaking on HGNC and the individuals from LRD became interested in what the district had done on HGNC. They are starting a project similar to it and wanted Krueger to come and talk about the districts experiences.

John Machol, Regulatory Brach, presented a talk on Functional Assessments and Wetlands Mitigation at the 14th Annual Texas Wetlands Conference on February 19 & 20, 2004.

Machol was requested to return after he spoke at last year’s conference about regulatory jurisdictional issues in the wake of the Supreme Court case (SWANCC).

Machol will also be presenting a talk on working for the Corps of Engineers to Venture Crew 442 on February 17, 2004.

Machol, who served as the Bay Area Council Training Chairman, was requested to speak to the Crew about the types of things that the Corps does, and the education requirements they would need to work for the Corps.

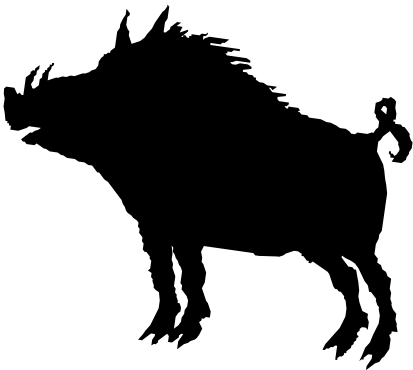
Word to the wise...

The warning, “Don’t stray from the path,” took on a whole new meaning recently. On Monday, Jan. 5, a worker with King Fisher Marine Services did just that and was attacked by a wild hog.

The unfortunate man is an oiler for the company and was leading out the dragline on a levee in a Matagorda placement area. He strayed into the brush and came across the hog.

“We’re on an island in the middle of nowhere so you can understand the concern,” said Glen Miller of King Fisher. “We have a procedure and plan for accidents and emergencies and thankfully it worked 100%. We’ve never had to use it before.”

The contractor made it back up a hill himself and was then driven by bulldozer to a crew



boat that took him to shore. He was then driven to a local hospital and later flown to a major hospital.

“This was out first lost time accident of 2004. People need to be aware that wildlife is unpredictable and to not approach it on site. He’s a lucky man, it could have been much worse, or even fatal,” stated Dan Wyatt, Chief of Safety and Occupational Health.

The contractor is now in the office doing light work.

Givers of the Gift of Life

The UTMB blood drive on Jan. 12 was a huge success. Thank you to everyone for participating.

There were 19 donations, including 2 first time donors. Twenty-eight individuals in all attempted to donate.



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Karl Brown
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Denise Sloan
Jody Stephens
Pauline Villalobos
Jacob Walsdorf
Dianna Wilson
James Worthington

Condolences

John Patrick Babbitt, 72, passed away February 22, 2003 at his residence in Dickinson, Texas. Babbitt worked in the Economic and Social Analysis Branch before he retired in 1986.

Congrats!

Josie H. Arcidiacono, daughter of **Sal Arcidiacono**, Real Estate, recently graduated from Texas A&M College Station this past December with a degree in Industrial Psychology with a minor in Business.

Arcidiacono and his family are very proud of her. She completed her degree in 3 and 1/2 Years.

Reminder!

Please remember that donations are still being accepted to be sent over seas, including calling cards to be sent to **Steve Ireland**.

One of the things the children of Iraq have been asking Ireland for are shoes because they have none. If you have children, and they have outgrown a pair or two of shoes, consider donating them. If you will clean them up a little and bring them in to **Joanne Williams** at cubicle 387A in Planning, she will forward them to Ireland and put you in her will!